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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT 324 HON. VICTORIA G. CHANEY, JUDGE
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JOHN DOE I, et al.,)
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Plaintiff(s),)
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vs.) Case No. BC237980
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UNOCAL CORP., et al.,)
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Defendant(s).)
AND RELATED ACTION.)

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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APPEARANCES:

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1 THE COURT: Okay, folks, I have been thinking about
2 this. No advisory jury, you're going on with me. Mainly
3 because if we are really dealing with all those exhibits and
4 all those witnesses, and I'm trying to cram it into a short
5 amount of time, we won't get there from here, at least not
6 reasonably without putting it off far enough in advance.

7 I have granted continuances, many continuances
8 at the request of defendants, I am loath to do it again;
9 however, we will start on the 9th, rather than on the 3rd,
10 but between -- during that period of time I'm going to plan
11 on -- with the exception of the morning on the 4th, I'm
12 going to plan on meeting with you folks to do motions in
13 limine or any other things.

14 I want to use the time. The reality is, folks,
15 we have to do it anyway, so we might as well use the time.

16 I have set it aside, this court's schedule
17 is planned all around that. I know Mr. Stormer has a trial
18 that comes up in January that I need to work around.

19 I think; right? Don't you?

20 MR. STORMER: Actually, since I got whopped pretty
21 badly, I don't have to do it in January.

22 THE COURT: Oh. Well, I don't know whether to say
23 I'm glad or I'm sorry, Mr. Stormer.

24 MR. PETROCELLI: And I have a trial on January 20
25 right across the hall, but only for four court days.

26 THE COURT: Okay. But my hope is that we will get
27 if not everything done before the 16th of December, we'll
28 get a lot of it done before then. And then if we have to